

A-LEVEL **German**

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Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
01	BDGJM	5	Accept in any order

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02.1	2 from 3 um mit Gleichaltrigen/anderen Jugendlichen zu kommunizieren (1) Sie besprechen/sprechen über Ereignisse / was in der Schule passiert (ist). (1) sie planen / organisieren die (nächsten) Treffen. (1)	2	If the word Gleichaltrigen is used, it must be spelled correctly, but tolerate incorrect ending.

Qu	Accept	Mark	Reject
	Sie ergänzen die Erfahrungen in der Schule/Familie / was in der Schule/Familie passiert (ist).		
02.2	OR	1	
	Sie können (abseits der Erwachsenenwelt) ihre Persönlichkeit formen/entwickeln.		

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02.3	Mit Freunden zu kommunizieren, zu denen man selten/kaum Kontakt hat/die man selten/kaum sieht.	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Reject
02.4	drei Viertel/75% der 13-17- Jährigen / die meisten Jugendlichen	1	If numbers are given, they must be correct.
02.4	treffen sich/Freunde häufig/oft (persönlich).	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Reject
02.5	(Es wird wahrscheinlich) mehr Kommunikation über das Internet / Smartphones / Whatsapp (geben).	1	Incorrect information about texting e.g. Es wird mehr gesimst invalidates the response. Tolerate present tense.

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03.1	Sie zog nach Berlin (knapp) einen Monat nach ihrem ersten Besuch. / Sie kam kurz nach ihrem ersten Besuch.	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
03.2	(viel) Platz / das Grün die Lebendigkeit / (es war/ist) viel los	1	Reject viele Plätze (without grün)
33.2	die Offenheit (der Berliner für neue Ideen und verschiedene Lebensweisen)	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
03.3	Man wird nicht beurteilt, wenn man (ein bisschen) anders ist. / Man kann anders sein. / Es gibt keine Vorurteile. / Es gibt (mehr) Toleranz. Sie fühlt sich sicher (nachts) in der U-Bahn.	1	Reject Man ist anders. Tolerate verurteilt.

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	Bullet 1: Es wird keine weiteren Austritte geben. / Andere EU- Staaten werden die EU nicht verlassen. (1) Die Staaten wollen/planen die EU für die gemeinsame Zukunft fit (zu) machen. (1) Die Staaten wollen Zusammengehörigkeit zeigen. (1)	3	
04	Bullet 2: Europa ist ein <u>Frieden</u> sprojekt. / Um <u>Krieg(e)</u> zu <u>beenden/verhindern</u> . (1) Wegen <u>Globalisierung</u> . / Wegen <u>Konkurrenz mit</u> Ländern wie <u>China und Indien</u> . (1)	2	If Frieden is used, it must be spelled correctly.
	Bullet 3: Europa hat immer Lösungen/Kompromisse gefunden. / Europa hat Schwierigkeiten bewältigt. (1) Die europäische Idee ist nicht bedroht. / Die europäische Idee ist (noch) stark. (1)	2	Tolerate Die Idee der EU

Summary questions

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Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.1	NA	1	
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Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.2	R	1	
Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.3	F	1	
Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.4	F	1	
Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.5	NA	1	
Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.6	R	1	
Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.7	R	1	
Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.8	F	1	
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Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
05.9	NA	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.1	Sie trennte Deutsche von Deutschen/voneinander. / Sie hatte getrennt. / Sie teilte die deutsche Bevölkerung.	1	Tolerate Sie trennte die deutsche Bevölkerung. Reject Sie trennte Deutschland.

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.2	Sie besuchte(n) Forstfeld/(einen Stadtteil von) Kassel. / Sie kam(en) in den Westen/in die BRD. / Sie wurden von Wessis empfangen.	1	Reject: Sie überquerten die Grenze/Mauer.

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.3	Sie gaben ihnen (heiße) Getränke und (belegte) Brötchen. / Sie begrüßten sie mit etwas zu essen und trinken.	1	Reject: Sie erwarteten

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.4	(Viele) Tränen (der Freude) wurden vergossen. / Die Tränen. / Man weinte.	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.5	Dass sie Feinde gewesen sein sollten. / Dass sie Feinde (gewesen) waren.	1	Reject wrong pronouns e.g. Ihr sollt Tolerate Dass sie Feinde sein sollten/sind.

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.6	Sie besorgte (eine ganze Einkauftasche voller) Diätartikel (für das Mädchen).	1	Accept Sie kaufte/fand/ suchte Reject Sie gab/bot/ schenkte Tolerate Er for Sie

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes

06.7	Weil das Mädchen/sie keine Süßigkeiten/Schokolade essen durfte/konnte. / Weil sie Diabetikerin/zuckerkrank war.	1	Accept Um sie dem Mädchen zu geben. Tolerateessen sollte.
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06.8	Sie hat Kontakt mit einem Kegelklub hergestellt/organisiert. / Sie hat einen Kegelklub kontaktiert.	1	Reject kontakten as verb.

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
06.9	Man hatte sich danach gesehnt. / Man hatte das lange gewollt. (1) Die (finanziellen) Probleme waren vorhersehbar. (1)	1	Reject wrong pronouns e.g. Wir dürfen uns

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
07	EMFCHDLGB	9	In this order

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
08.1	(von) Heiterkeit / Er macht (Kunden) glücklich/heiter. [idea of happiness or making people happy] (1)	2	Er macht die ausländischen Kunden glücklich = 2 marks
	Das sind die <u>ausländischen</u> Kunden (der Firma). [idea of dealing with foreign clients] (1)		

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
08.2	am Ende des Tages / Nach den (anstrengenden) Verhandlungen (des Tages). / Wenn die (anstrengenden) Verhandlungen (des Tages) aufhören.	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
08.3	heitere (Geschäfts)abschlüsse / gutes Geschäft [idea of good business/deals]	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
08.4	Er war Akademiker. / Wegen seines Status als Akademiker. / Der entscheidende Faktor war (anscheinend) sein Status als Akademiker.	1	Reject wrong pronoun or possessive adjective e.g. mein Status

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08.5	Die <u>Kunden</u> kommen aus aller Welt. / Kein Weg ist zu lang für die <u>Kunden</u> .	1	

Qu	Accept	Mark	Notes
08.6	(eine) Gehaltserhöhung / Sie haben ihm eine (zufriedenstellende) Gehaltserhöhung gegeben.	1	

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08.7	Er begann zu zweifeln. / Er liebte seinen Beruf weniger. [idea of him having doubts <i>or</i> loving his work less] (1) Er erschrak (leicht) (als Pachulka-Sbirr in sein Zimmer trat). / Er hatte Angst. (1)	2	

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8.80	Wie das stürmische Meer (seines Heimatlandes).	1	Tolerate stürmisch on its own.

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	25% meinen, dass Deutschland eine starke Partei braucht, um die Interessen der Deutschen zu repräsentieren/schützen. (1)	3	
	58,4%/Eine Mehrheit glaubt, dass die Ausübung des Islam eingeschränkt werden sollte. (1)		
09	Bullet 2: Der Rechtsextremismus ist in der ganzen Gesellschaft/in der Mitte der Gesellschaft verbreitet./ Es ist überall. (1) Er ist aber besonders stark unter Leuten mit einem niedrigeren Bildungsniveau. (1)	2	Reject answers that relate to Islam as the people who hold these views are not specified
	Bullet 3: Jugendliche/Sie rebellieren oft gegen die Botschaft von Toleranz / Offenheit, die sie in der Schule erhalten, (1)	2	
	weil sie das für "Gehirnwäsche" halten. (1)		

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Guidance on level of accuracy in translations into the target language

A successful translation

A successful translation is one which includes each element of the text to be translated and where there is no omission or paraphrase.

Accuracy

All spellings must be correct, including the use of lower and upper case letters. However in German both 'new' (post-1996) and 'old' spellings will be accepted, eg both *Schifffahrt* and *Schifffahrt*, and 'ss' will be tolerated in any words normally spelt with 'ß'.

Repeated errors

Where a candidate repeats the same error within a question, no further penalty will be imposed in awarding the mark.

Alternative answers

Alternative answers offered by the candidate – even if one is in brackets – will be rejected unless both answers are correct.

Qu 10 The table below shows the type of answer that is acceptable for each section of the text. Award one tick per correct section, then use the conversion grid to award a total of 10 marks.

English	Possible German	Other acceptable	Unacceptable
_	answer	answers	answers
Parents like	Eltern mögen	gefallen den Eltern	
their children's pictures	die Bilder ihrer Kinder,	die Bilder von ihren Kindern	
because their children	weil ihre [Kinder]		
painted them.	sie gemalt haben.	sie malten.	
Do they count as art?	Gelten sie als Kunst?	Sind sie Kunst? / Ist das Kunst? / Zählen sie als Kunst?	
The answer	Die Antwort		
to that question	auf diese Frage	auf jene Frage Tolerate dieser Frage (genitive)	für diese Frage zu dieser Frage
isn't so simple.	ist (gar) nicht so einfach.		
According to	Nach Ansicht	Nach Meinung / Laut	
the artist Joseph Beuys,	des Künstlers [JB]		
German	deutschen		Deutschen
we all have the right	haben wir alle das Recht	dürfen wir alle	
to express ourselves	uns auszudrücken	uns ausdrücken [after a modal verb]	
even if	selbst wenn	auch/sogar wenn	
we can't paint very well.	wir nicht (sehr) gut malen können.		
Every human being	Jeder Mensch		
is different	ist anders	ist verschieden	
and there should be	und es sollte geben		soll und es sollte sein

not any fixed rules.	keine festen Regeln.		
But museums cannot	Aber (die) Museen [können] nicht		
exhibit everything.	alles ausstellen.	zeigen	
Perhaps the most important thing is	Das Wichtigste ist vielleicht	die wichtigste Sache	das wichtigste Ding
to come up with an idea	auf eine Idee zu kommen,	eine Idee zu entwickeln/finden,	erfinden
that has thought of.	an die gedacht hat.	an die dachte.	
no one else	kein anderer	niemand sonst/anders	
We are living	Wir leben		Wir wohnen
no longer in the Middle Ages	nicht mehr im Mittelalter,	nicht länger im Mittelalter,	
when artists were proud	als [Künstler] stolz waren,	wo	wenn
if they could copy	wenn sie kopieren konnten.	Tolerate als	könnten
a well known work.	ein bekanntes Werk	berühmtes	

[square brackets denote words that have already been tested: do not penalise twice]

[10 marks]

Conversion grid			
Number of ticks	Mark		
28-30	10		
25-27	9		
22-24	8		
19-21	7		
16-18	6		
13-15	5		
10-12	4		
7-9	3		
4-6	2		
1-3	1		
0	0		

Acceptable quality of English in translations into English

Errors in spelling

Where the candidate's attempted spelling is a recognisable form of the correct spelling and does not correspond to another English word, the attempted spelling is accepted eg *weight* mis-spelt as *waight* is acceptable but mis-spelt as *wait* gives another word and so causes ambiguity.

Alternative answers

Examiners will be provided with a range of alternative answers in mark-schemes but in the event that these do not legislate for all versions and variations which candidates might produce, the guiding principle will be that answers that convey the same intended meaning are accepted.

Successful translation

Translation will be deemed successful if an English speaker would understand the translation and if each element of the original text figures in the translation.

Example

	Accept	Reject
	Previously that was not possible without the help of others.	Previously that was not possible without other help.
	Up till then it was possible only with the help of others / with other people	Up till then it was possible with the help of others.
	helping.	Previously it was important for other people to help.
	Previously the help of	
	others was essential for	Up till then nothing was
	this to take place.	possible without the help of others.

Qu 11 The table below shows the type of answer that is acceptable for each section of the test. Award one mark per correct section then divide by two for a final mark out of 10. Half marks should be rounded up.

Passible English Other assertable Unassertable					
German	Possible English answer	Other acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers		
Wählen ist in einer Demokratie	Voting is in a democracy				
der Grundstein der politischen Beteiligung	The foundation of political participation	foundation stone of basic form of basis of cornerstone of starting point of involvement	ground stone		
Hier hat Österreich im Jahr 2007 einen wichtigen Schritt getan	Here in 2007, Austria took an important step	in this (respect)			
als das Alter auf 16 Jahre gesenkt wurde	when they / it lowered the age to 16	was lowered / reduced	as		
in dem man zur Wahl gehen kann	at which one can (go and) vote	at which one can go to the urns / ballot box / election voting (age) could	make a choice		
Schließlich dürfenheiraten	After all can / are allowed to get married	marry	Finally		
junge Menschen mit 16 Jahren	young people at (the age of) 16		with 16 (years)		
und müssen entscheiden	and must decide	take / make decisions on /			
über ihre berufliche Zukunft	(about) their future career	their working future / future employment	job future		
Als besonders problematisch	particularly problematic				
erschien deutschen Kritikern jedoch	What seemed to German critics, however		The German critics seemed problematic with this		
dass Jugendliche zu Extrempositionen neigten	was (the fact) that young people tended towards extreme positions	present tense lean towards / favour			
und deshalb eher stimmen würden	and would therefore be more likely to vote	would rather would prefer to			
für Parteien mit populistischen Einstellungen.	for parties with populist views.	a populist stance	popular		
Das könnte führen	That could lead				

zu einer Radikalisierung in der Gesellschaft	to (a) radicalisation in society		
Andererseits behaupteten Befürworter	On the other hand proponents claimed	supporters	
dass die Politiker die Interessen der Jugendlichen besser vertreten würden	that the politicians would better represent young people's interests	the interests of young people	
da man sie ernster nehmen würde.	because one / they would take them more seriously	since/as they would be taken with greater seriousness	
als potentielle Wähler	as potential voters		

[10 marks]